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- Specification, including 26 claims (45 pages)
 9 Sheets of Formal Drawings showing Figs. 1-11
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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

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Box PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Rule 53(b) continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/441,373
Filed on November 17, 1999
Cf Rudolf Wagner, et al.
Entitled: PROCESS FOR HANDLING WORKPIECES
AND APPARATUS
Examiner: L. TENTONI
Group: 1732
Batch No: R62

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.
Total pages 45
2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of sheet(s), depicting Figures .
- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
a. Newly executed (original or copy)
b. X Copy from prior application
i. Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying

application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- X 5. Cancel original claims 1-26.
- ____ 6. Small entity status:
- ____ A small entity statement is enclosed
 - ____ A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on _____ in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
 - ____ Is no longer claimed

- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee	\$355	\$710
Total Claims <u>18</u> - 20 - <u>0</u> x 9 = \$_____	18 = \$_____	
Ind. Claims <u>4</u> - <u>3</u> = <u>1</u> x 40 = \$_____	80 = \$ <u>80.00</u>	
Multiple Dependent Claims	+ 135 = \$_____	270 = \$_____
	Total	\$_____
		\$790.00

- ____ 8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #522/43633CP2) in the amount of \$_____.
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/441,373, filed November 17, 1999.--
- ____ 12. Priority of Appln. No(s). _____, filed in _____ on _____, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. _____ on _____.

X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Balzers Aktiengesellschaft.

X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,324; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

 X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

 b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

 c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.

 X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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X 16. Forms PTC-892 and PTC-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.

- X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.
- _____ 19. Other: _____

Respectfully submitted,

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